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SUBJECT: MOROKHOV RESPONSE ON BILATERAL SPENT FUEL STUDY

1. IN MARCH 29 CONVERSATION WITH MOROKHOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
STATE COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY, POLCOUNS REQUESTED
MOROKHOV TO CLARIFY HIS RESPONSE TO ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN'S QUESTION ON MARCH 28 ABOUT SOVIET
ATTITUDE TOWARDS BILATERAL TECHNICAL
STUDY ON SPENT FUEL STORAGE UNDER THE EXISTING BILATERAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT. IN THAT CONVERSATION, HARTMAN STATED OUR
DESIRE TO COMMENCE SOME BILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION
IN NON-PROLIFERATION AREAS, PERHAPS UNDER BILATERAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT. HE SUGGESTED FIRST AREA TO
EXPLORE MIGHT BE QUESTION OF STORING SPENT FUEL.
MOROKHOV DID NOT RESPOND DIRECTLY, BUT WENT OFF ON
TANGENT
ABOUT INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL STORAGE CENTERS AND PHYSICAL
PROTECTION. POLCOUNS POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR
FROM PREVIOUS DAY'S CONVERSATION WHEHER MOROKOV
WAS DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF SPECIFIC SUGGESTION ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN MADE ABOUT BILATERAL STUDY.

2. IN REPLY, MOROKHOV SAID THERE ARE MANY NON-PROLIFERATION
AREAS WHERE BILATERAL COOPERATION IS POSSIBLE AND TECHNICAL
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STUDY OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE PROBLEMS IS ONE OF POSSIBILITIES.
HE SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM FROM HARTMAN'S SUGGESTION
JUST WHAT KINDS OF SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ISSUES SHOULD BE LOOKED
AT BILATERALLY AND, THEREFORE, HE DID NOT WISH TO COMMIT
HIMSELF ON THIS SPECIFIC STUDY BUT IN PRINCIPLE HE WAS POSITIVE.
HIS FINAL COMMENT WAS THAT SINCE U.S. SIDE MADE PROPOSAL,
INITIATIVE ON QUESTION RESTED WITH U.S.

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